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(By Elton C. Fay).

NAVY AND ARMY EXPERTS PREPARING FOR THEIR
JOINT TESTS HAVE EXTENSIVE INFORMATION
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THREE BOMBS SO FAR EXPLODED - THE
INITIAL TEST IN NEW MEXICO AND THE TWO
ATTACKS ON JAPAN.

3. In the very centre of the so-called "ball of fire" hot mass measuring about a third of a mile across, scientists believe

LONDON, JAN. 28.

Shipping had been increased, but to suggest that it should be doubled, or trebled, did not make sense.—*Reuter.*

The cloth is sold at \$10 for six yards and has been in great demand. One woman told the "China Mail" that her clothes were in shreds as she had not been able to buy material during the occupation.

People in the queue announced their intention of marching on the pavement outside the stores in protest of the miserable weather conditions.

ELABORATE PRECAUTIONS

HAMMERLIKE BLOW

The award is among those announced to-day for the years 1943 and 1944. It is believed that when the 1945 prizes are announced they will include further awards for discoveries by Soviet scientists in atomic energy.

Reuter.

A statement on the strike was expected from the Air Ministry in London, following the Sunday meeting of the Air Chief Marshal, Sir Keith Park, and his South-East Asia Command Staff.—Associated Press.

FAMILIAR PROCESS	action within the next "12 or 14 days" but after that lot of things may happen.
To survivors in Tehran, the Russians appear to have repeated	Associated Press.

But these generals, of whom Field-Marshal Erwin von Witzleben was the moving spirit, would not say how and when this force should be applied and it took them five more years to organise a real bomb plot. Thomas said.—Associated Press.

Meanwhile, clashes between British and Indonesian troops continued in eastern Java with artillery duels reported near Semarang and Sourabaya.

British troops at Bandoeng reported that Indonesians armed

MacArthur Takes Japs To Task

The Japanese attempted to explain the shortage of shipments by complaining that loading facilities at Pusan, Korea, were inadequate but Allied Forces quarters said mechanical difficulties and labor shortages are now blamed. Tokyo has been up to 70,000 yards from the front. Associated Press.

MOSCOW, JAN. 28

Replaced

The new Philippine Academy will replace the old one destroyed by American and Japanese bombing—in Baguio province—and may be erected on the Bataan Peninsula, Columbin said. —Associated Press.

A Chicago apartment hotel fire caused the deaths of two women and injuries to another.—Associated Press.

h Calls

...economy during the next five years is employed to support 35 or 100 mechanized divisions, the nation would be too poor to do anything of the sort. Only through a kind of artificial inflation of the money supply could the army be built. Communist China would be able to build a "big" army, but it would be a paper army, one that would be unable to do anything.

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The Army newspaper "Stars and Stripes" today predicted that most servicemen eligible for discharge through April 30 would be in the processing center here "within the next two weeks" and if the ships arrived on schedule most would be en route home by next week end. —Associated Press

No order was made as costs; Mr. d'Almada stating it seems to me that if the employers of the Applicants had exercised ordinary intelligence they would have drawn the attention of their employers counsel for the Applicants to the position at the Tribunal hearing.

The forthcoming marriage of Miss Evelyn Souk Haan Lee, No. 117, Boundary Street, to Kwong Jeung Oho, merchant residing at No. 7, Cumberland Road, is announced.

war in man's history and with a new world alliance of nations being born, the birth pangs accompanied by conflicts here and even within nations affect us, whatever or where

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HARD TIMES IN JAPAN

Homeless Live In Railway Waiting Rooms

Harriman Ahead Of Schedule

Chungking, Jan. 28. The meeting between Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the United States Ambassador to Russia, Mr. Averell Harriman, took place a day ahead of schedule.

Mr. Harriman, who is on his way home, arrived here from Moscow yesterday.

Harriman, who it is reported will also visit Korea and Japan, found no one to meet him at the airport because of his arrival 24 hours earlier than expected. He put a phone call through to General George C. Marshall's home and an aide was hurriedly sent to the airport.

Meanwhile, the Generalissimo was informed of his arrival and altered his own schedule to fit with Harriman's unexpected arrival. General Marshall's own programme was also changed.

The Generalissimo sent an aide to invite Harriman to come for dinner and spend the night at his villa. Marshall's aide there and Mr. Harriman who, according to present plans, will leave Chungking early on Tuesday morning. Associated Press.

Russian Position As A World Power

Washington, Jan. 28. The Foreign Policy Association today called for clarification of the United States long term policy towards Germany as an important test of U.S. relations with Russia.

It declared that "only when the United States has clarified its own policy in Europe will it be able to legitimately question the policy of Russia."

Yugoslavs Charged

New York, Jan. 28. Opposition to Yugoslavia's territorial claims on Italy was contained in a resolution of the Italian-American Labour Council which asked that the United States make an "ear" peace with "new Italy."

The President of the Council Luigi Antonini in a speech before the resolution was approved charged "Italy's gangsters" with manoeuvring to destroy Dalmatia, Veneto, Venezia and Giulia.

"Such outrageous demands are made because he feels sure of Moscow's support," asserted Antonini, who charged the Yugoslavs were still maintaining a huge army with lend-lease equipment. Associated Press.

Jap. Women Want Equal Rights

Tokyo, Jan. 28. Law changes which would give wives equal rights with husbands were yesterday advocated in a radio talk by Michiko Watanabe, one of Nippon's eleven women lawyers.

She proposed a committee for revision of the law and urged women members to be included in such a committee.

The Japanese code of 1897 is "full of feudalistic ideas," she said, and the proposed revisions made public in 1927 were not suitable at a time "when women are going to make a great advance." Associated Press.

France's Essential Problems

London, Jan. 28. Paris radio reported today that after a meeting of the new French Cabinet lasting three hours, M. Gouin, the new premier, told the press: "The meeting was occupied with two essential problems with which France must be concerned—good and finance."

"In a short time the country will know the decisions we have taken," he added. "I am convinced that we can reckon on the goodwill and determination of the country, which has so often shown self-denial and courage, to come to our help."

The next meeting of the Cabinet takes place tomorrow evening. The Premier Minister, M. Georges

Many Deaths Every Day

OSAKA, JAN. 28. A RAGGED, ELDERLY JAPANESE PAUPER WAS SLOWLY LETTING GO OF LIFE ON THE COLD CEMENT FLOOR OF A WAITING ALCOVE OF THE OSAKA RAILROAD STATION.

A FETTERED EIGHT-YEAR-OLD BOY, AN AIR RAID ORPHAN, ROTTED AIMLESSLY IN THE SAME CROWDED ALCOVE—NOT BEGGING, BUT REACHING HAWK-LIKE FOR SCRAPS OF FOOD WITH WHICH TO HANG ON TO LIFE.

Impassive old and young homeless victims of war—paid no heed to either. Both slighted long have been so common to the hunched backs that for years have gathered in the station night and day, in peace or in war, because it was the only place they could go for a bit of warmth, shelter and companionship in their abject poverty.

Working between the contrasting figures of the old man and the scavenging youngster, the American military government authorities carry on a seemingly unending task, which is well begun by the cleaning up of filth and refuse in the tunnels under the station, where many make their homes.

A few minutes after the old man dies, station officials will send in workmen to cart the body away.

HARD TIMES

Two other orphan boys, about 13 years of age, who also call the station their home, worked in combination at salvaging a measure ration of rice. One on his knees beside the station picked rice from a handful of dirt, blew off the dust and stored the precious grains in a small box.

About the time he picked over one pile, his companion dashed up with a handful of more dirt and scampered away, apparently to a new-found location where rice had been spilled on the ground.

To-night they will boil and eat the meagre portion of rice on the big empty lot beside the station, where there are a couple of thousand homeless, wretched, resented vagrants cooking over thin little flames the rice and scraps grabbed during a day's wanderings about Osaka's back alleys.

Many will sleep on the lot under threadbare blankets because they are not able to crowd into the tunnels under the station or into the alcoves.

Tomorrow one might be too weak to hunt for food so he will lie down and wait impassively for death. Many will die and many will take their places.

There are hard times here for the Japanese homeless and a hard, depressing road ahead for the American military government administration. Associated Press.

Nazis Still Have Voice In Portugal

Lisbon, Jan. 28. Pro-Nazi propaganda continues to increase in Portugal. Stencilled leaflets are thrust into the hands of passengers in trains and buses, while certain provincial papers even publish pro-Nazi propaganda—after it has been suppressed by Portuguese censors.

Pro-Nazi propaganda in this country is out to prove that the Nuremberg prisoners are not criminals, but heroes. One paper described the Nuremberg prisoners as having worked for many years to make their country free after it had long been a victim of the Versailles Treaty. The paper makes the Nuremberg prisoners into "martyrs who fought and died for an ideal—peace and the well being of humanity."

It is difficult to discover precisely who inspires and pays for this propaganda, but the German community is certainly still very influential here, and has plenty of money to spend.

An important factor in the situation is that the Portuguese political police were largely trained by Nazis and have little personal liking for the task of tracking down their former mentors. Reuter.

"Nautilus" Retiring

Washington, Jan. 28. Retirement of the 3,000-ton "Nautilus," the largest United States submarine and first to sink a Japanese aircraft carrier, was announced yesterday by the Navy.

The 15-year-old "Nautilus" will be decommissioned at Philadelphia yard. It took "Carlson's raiders" to Makin Island, landed, and invasion scouts at Atzu and along under the very nose of the Japanese several times to land supplies for Philippine guerrillas. Associated Press.

General Drops In On GI Mess

Chungking, Jan. 28. An unexpected guest at lunch at the G-I mess at the United States Army Headquarters in Chungking turned up yesterday.

He was General of the Army George C. Marshall, President Truman's Special Envoy to China who went to the mess after attending a Protestant Church service.

With General Marshall was Colonel Lloyd W. Goepfert, Commander of the Chungking Station Command.

Most of the G-I's in the mess hall were half way through lunch when Marshall came in. The American war leader sat at one of the tables with Colonel Goepfert at his side.

G-I's at the table, eyed by Marshall's presence, sat stiffly upright, hardly saying a word.

Goepfert whispered to a mess officer to bring a few who might not be so tongue-tied. The mess officer brought to the table Sergeant Robert Cressy, and placed him beside Marshall.

Although he had already eaten half of his meal Cressy nonchalantly started another, talking the while with General Marshall.

As he rose from the table Marshall said: "This is a precedent making. For once I have not had to sign an autograph."

Just then a G-I who had heard Marshall was in the mess rushed in puffing, a short snorter in his hand. Marshall, signed it with a smile. Associated Press.

EMPTY SHELVES!

New York, Jan. 28. Uncertain chances of getting enough of Cuba's bumper sugar crop here in time to keep eastern refineries running for the next 45 days may determine whether housewives in many American communities will find grocery shelves empty in February.

March. Most eastern refineries will run out of raw sugar in mid-February unless the United States Government, which buys and allots all raw sugar, can find a way to get supplies in from Cuba, said Joseph F. Abbott, president of the American Sugar Refining Company. Associated Press.

SLEEPING TABLET MURDERS.

Berlin, Jan. 28. The police here yesterday announced the arrest of two physicians in connection with the killing of 450 patients at an asylum in Uchtasprings between 1941 and 1945.

Previously arrested were three nurses who the police said admitted having fed patients with sleeping tablets on orders from superiors. More than 350 of the victims were children. Associated Press.

Snags In Chungking Meeting

Chungking, Jan. 27. General Chou En-lai flew to Yenan yesterday to submit a report to the Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, and was expected to return here today.

The strike of the Democratic League caused the cancellation of the meetings of two sub-committees of the Political Consultative Conference scheduled for today. One was a meeting of the body dealing with the reorganization of the Government. Although it has been decided to reorganise the State Council with 20 seats for the Kuomintang and 20 for other parties and non-partisans it was snarled on the distribution of seats on the Executive Yuan in which Government had agreed to include representatives of other parties.

The sub-committee dealing with the National Assembly, whose scheduled meeting had also to be cancelled because of the League's strike, has so far made no concrete progress on this question. Associated Press.

U.S. CONTRIBUTES TO SOVIET LAB.

Boston, Jan. 28. The Hugh Cabot Memorial Fund trustees yesterday announced plans to erect a \$2,000,000 penicillin research laboratory and plant in Russia through voluntary contributions by United States citizens. A dinner launching campaign will be held on Feb. 13 in Boston.

The fund was named after the late scientist. Associated Press.

German Election Results

Frankfurt, Jan. 28. In an election marked by heavy balloting, scattered results in the American zone on Sunday gave the Church-backed Christian Social Union a quick lead in Bavaria while the Social Democrats continued last Sunday's lead in Hesse.

These scattered returns from one of the election Gemeinden (communities under 20,000) near Munich, one near Nuernberg and a third in Hesse province found the Communists and extreme Rightists failing to score a single vote in the three precincts.

It is too early, however, to indicate any definite trends in the Gemeinden. Preliminary estimates showed between 80 and 90 per cent of eligible voters went to the polls, the highest percentage of any free German election in history.

In 16 precincts near Munich the Christian Social Union obtained 846 votes and won 18 seats. At Ansbach near Nuernberg the Christian Democrats, which is the same as the Social Union, scored 190. Associated Press.

P.W.'S FOR PALESTINE

Jerusalem, Jan. 28. The Tel Aviv "Daily Haboker" quoting what it described as a reliable source, declared that British Military Authorities are making arrangements to transfer a number of German prisoners of war from camps in Italy and the Balkans to Palestine in February to carry out certain military work. Associated Press.

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DRUNKENNESS IN JAPAN Considered As A Type Of Insanity

Rowdy Elections Feared

Manila, Jan. 28. Prospects of gun-play when the Philippines elect its first independent President on April 23 were yesterday minimised by Filipino army officers. However, they expressed the belief that the Leftist "people's army" will be allowed to remain armed until after the elections.

Brig-General Macario Beralta, Philippines Army deputy Chief-of-Staff, said the strength of the Hukbalahap or People's Army is exaggerated and that it had no more than 10,000 serviceable guns and little ammunition. He added the Filipino military police recently were armed with 10,000 tommy guns to show people in central Luzon "we still have a government and still such a thing as law and order."

The Hukbalahap Popular Front and Democratic alliance are reported to be negotiating with the campaign manager of President Sergio Osmeña possibly to support him against his opponent, Senate President Manuel Roxas. Associated Press.

PRAVDA'S VIEW

Moscow, Jan. 28. The newspaper "Pravda" yesterday declared that the Greek and Indonesian problems have become so acute that consideration and settlement by the U.N.O. Security Council "is a really important task."

Pravda's foreign observer said the raising of the Greek and Indonesian question by the Soviet and Ukrainian delegates "was warmly supported by the democratic organisations of these two countries." Associated Press.

Japs. Can't Hold Their Liquor

(By James White).

SAN FRANCISCO, JAN. 28. WHAT DO THE JAPANESE THINK ABOUT DRUNKS, PARTICULARLY DRUNKS WHO GET VIOLENT? THIS HAS NOT BEEN BROUGHT OUT IN CABLES FROM JAPAN ON THE CASE OF AN AMERICAN SOLDIER WHO WAS CONDEMNED TO DEATH FOR KILLING TWO JAPANESE FOLLOWING WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS A DRINKING BOUT. NO DOUBT, THE FIRST JAPANESE REACTION WAS THAT OF ANY OCCUPIED PEOPLE WHO SEE A MEMBER OF THE OCCUPYING FORCE GO OUT OF HAND WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF TOO MUCH ALCOHOL.

But behind this is the rather contradictory attitude which the Japanese have shown in the past toward those men to whom they are drunk.

Traditionally, Japanese teachings frowned upon any form of excess but in recent years such teachings have been ignored or perverted in many cases by militaristic Japan. Still, the problem of drunkenness appears to be relatively a new one in Japan.

The Japanese Women's Christian Temperance Union was formed 50 years ago but, according to the Japan Year Book, it concentrated on reducing licensed prostitution and the Geisha traffic. The Year Book mentions no W.C.T.U. activity in regard to alcohol.

NOT HARD-HEADED

There was a prohibition league in Japan which claimed 100,000 members. It worked 20 years to get prohibition for minors through the Diet but the Year Book credits it with no other success.

The customary drink in Japan is sake, a light wine made from rice. The Japanese drank it at banquets and parties and only the wealthy could afford to indulge in it regularly. The Japanese got to making what was alleged to be a passable whisky some years ago. Before the war you saw a good many drunks in Japan and more in Japanese occupied Asia. These principally were soldiers with money to spend, the wealthy and those with generous expense accounts. Often they fancied themselves as drinkers but it was the general observation of foreigners that in the main they could not hold their liquor. When drunk they generally became sentimental and weepy.

Interests Of Small Nations

London, Jan. 28. The U.N.O. General Assembly has received a 10,000-word memorandum from an organization known as the Nation Associates of New York, urging the exclusion of Argentina from the U.N.O.

The document condemned the Argentine regime as a "totalitarian government" whose "purpose is aggression," and charged that it had violated all obligations assumed under the United Nations Charter.

It was not considered probable that the Argentina application for membership would be discussed during the present session. The agenda for the London session of the Assembly is well on the way to being cleared, but some important items not yet considered is the selection of 16 members for the International Court of Justice.

Thus far the smaller nations have fared better than it had been expected, with the Arab League and most of the Latin-American countries leading in the fight for small nations' interests. Most of these agreements with the Big Five already in a controlling position in the Security Council, would win through to similar powers in the Assembly. Delegates of the small nations, however, fought all efforts to weaken the position of the Assembly by frankly sticking together to gain a majority in the ruling of the Assembly. Associated Press.

Spellman Arouses Soviet Ire

Moscow, Jan. 28. Dismissing the newly designated Cardinals, the newspaper "Izvestia" yesterday said that Archbishop Francis Spellman of New York was waging active Vatican politics in America and trying to arouse American support for General Franco.

It added that "this new Cardinal defied the Vatican, when the Vatican, one year after the treacherous attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor and after many acts of criminal Japanese imperialism, favourably received the Japanese ambassador."

The official Government newspaper said the naming of four new Cardinals in the United States and one each for Canada, England and Australia was an effort to gain strength in Anglo-Saxon countries.

It accused Archbishop Bernard Griffin, the English Cardinal deposed, of making slanderous speeches against the Soviet Union. Associated Press.

Texans Petition President

Tokyo, Jan. 28. Told that a petition bearing approximately 75,000 signatures of east Texans had been forwarded to President Truman protesting against the "severe sentences" imposed on Port Joseph, Hawaii, for the killing of two Japanese civilians, General MacArthur today replied that the case was "not within the scope of my authority."

A message signed by Mary Foley Cruse, of Beaumont, Texas, asked General MacArthur for "mercy and leniency in your review of his sentence."

MacArthur replied that since the cessation of hostilities the final review of such cases has been taken from theatre commanders and given to the War Department and President Truman.

Hawaii was condemned to death by a firing squad after a court martial trial. Associated Press.

Barriers To News Expansion

Washington, Jan. 28. Assistant Secretary of State William Benton in a radio broadcast yesterday, sponsored by the State Department, advocated the provision in future peace treaties for free access to news sources and freedom to transmit news from one country to another without discrimination.

Benton said the State Department "plans to do everything within its power along political and diplomatic lines to help break down artificial barriers to expansion of private American news agencies, magazines, motion pictures and other means of communications throughout the world. And, of course, we welcome information from abroad through the same channels." Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 28. General A. A. Vandenberg, Marine Commandant, yesterday announced a board has been appointed to select and recommend temporary officers for regular commissions and in the Marine Corps. The board will begin to receive applications early next month, he said. Associated Press.

Iran May Request Shelving Of Appeal

LONDON, JAN. 28. THE IRANIAN DELEGATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION STOOD READY TO PRESS IRAN'S COMPLAINTS AGAINST RUSSIA BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO-DAY, WHILE AWAITING POSSIBLE NEW INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE NEW IRANIAN PREMIER WHO IT IS REPORTED IS FRIENDLY WITH THE SOVIETS.

SPECULATION INCREASED THAT IRAN MIGHT ASK THE COUNCIL TO SHELVE THE DISPUTE PENDING DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN TEHRAN AND MOSCOW.

The Iranian Shah confirmed the appointment of Premier Ahmad Qavam es Sultaneh on Sunday, and Tehran dispatches said that Sultaneh left immediately for the Foreign Office to send new instructions to the country's U.N.O. representatives.

A spokesman for the Iranian delegation said that no advice had been received and added that the delegates were proceeding "with some uncertainty" with their plan to demand Security Council intervention when the Council convenes on Monday.

Iran's charges of Russian armed interference in the Azerbaijan province were listed third on the Council's tentative agenda, coming before the Soviet's complaints against Britain for military action in Greece and Indonesia.

The Iranian delegation said in a new note to the council yesterday that Russian "interference" can be "fully proved."

ACTED INDEPENDENTLY. A delegation official said the Iranian Government had not instructed the representatives to file the note and that the delegation had acted "independently of new instructions."

The 2,000 word document was in reply to a Russian memorandum, opposing the Council's consideration of the dispute.

The Soviets argued that their position in Iran was legal and justifiable under a 1921 treaty. The Iranians answered that the 1921 pact "was not relevant" and that it was desirable that all foreign troops leave Iranian territory immediately.

U.N.O. officials announced that the first item on the Council's agenda on Monday, after the formal adoption of the agenda itself, would be the consideration of Albania's application for membership in the United Nations.

The Iranian issue would be considered next, followed by a discussion of the Greek and Indonesian disputes.

Iranian and other U.N.O. sources said that it was doubtful that the Iranian case would be entirely withdrawn.

Even a "shelving" of the dispute at the Iranian delegation's request, however, could save the Council from considering the controversy. Associated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

A good billiard player usually manages to get a succession of easy plays, causing the spectator to lose sight of the skill which sets up simple positions. In the same way, a bridge player makes plays which look perfectly simple and harmless, yet are really responsible for the outcome of the hand. For example:

S. Q 9 8 3 2
H. Q J 9 4
D. 10 9 5
C. K

S. K 7 4
H. 8 7 5 2
D. 6 2
C. Q 10 7 2

S. A 5
H. A K 10 3
D. K Q J 7 3
C. 6 4

The bidding:
South 1D. Pass
West 1H. Pass
North 1S. Pass
East 2C. Pass

West opened the dummy of clubs, East winning with the Ace. And then East made the sort of "simple" play we mentioned by returning a low diamond. The was nothing spectacular about it, but it was the best available play and was sure to lead to the contract's defeat.

Note that South was unable to make the contract after winning the trick. The bad trump break made it impossible for him to draw trumps before knocking out the diamonds Ace, for then the opponents could run the entire club suit. But if he knocked out the diamond Ace before drawing trumps, West would get a diamond ruff, and there was no way to avoid the loss of one trick in each black suit.

It's true that East could have defeated the contract without returning the low diamond at the second trick—provided he refused to win the first diamond trick whenever diamonds were led. But the actual play was simpler, served the same purpose and had a better chance to succeed if the cards had been slightly differently located. West might have had other red King instead of the spade King (with the same distribution, however), and East's low diamond lead would indicate the best defence.

Yesterday you were Marvin Maller's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

S. A Q 6 5
H. 8 7 5 4
D. A J 7 5 4
C. K 10 9 8

The bidding:
Schenken 1H. Pass
You 1H. Pass
Jacoby 2D. Pass
Maler 3H. Pass
(?)

ANSWER: Pass. If your partner couldn't bid over two diamonds, there is no game in this hand for your side. The current contract should be highly satisfactory to you, but there is no point in doubling again since that would be another Talbots Double, besides which you can't be sure that you'll defeat the contract.

Score 100 per cent for pass, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION
To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

S. A 10 9 8 7
H. A J 7 5 4
D. K Q J 7 3
C. 6 4

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

TOKEN STRIKE
Colombo, Jan. 28. A one-day token strike of all Indian workers in the Island has been called by the Ceylon Indian National Congress for Feb. 12 to draw attention to the Indian problem and to press for equal franchise and citizenship rights for Indians. Associated Press.

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NEW YORK, JAN. 28. OPTIMISM PERVADED THE AMERICAN RECONVERSION SITUATION ON SUNDAY FOLLOWING FOUR ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENTS IN MAJOR LABOUR DISPUTES.

In rapid succession on Saturday, the Congress of Industrial Organizations' packinghouse workers were ordered by union officials to return to their jobs on Monday. Road and Chrysler reached a tentative agreement with the C.I.O. auto workers, and 18 of the 20 Railroad Union threatened to strike agreed to arbitrate their wage demands.

The C.I.O. urged its members to return to work on Monday. A tentative agreement with the C.I.O. auto workers, and 18 of the 20 Railroad Union threatened to strike agreed to arbitrate their wage demands.

most industry would agree to discussing their wage dispute. Although the C.I.O. agreed that the 198,000 men should go back it was made clear that the strike had not been called off.

The Ford Motor Company settled its wage dispute on the basis of 18 cents an hour increase. Workers for 400,000 workers. Chrysler agreed to pay an increase of 16 cents.

The all-union agreement to arbitrate affected 1,000,000 workers. They were the development of the C.I.O. auto workers, and 18 of the 20 Railroad Union threatened to strike agreed to arbitrate their wage demands.

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NOTICE

A Gazette Extraordinary,
No. 6, containing inter alia
Proclamation amending the
Military Courts Proclamation,
an amendment to the rules of
Evidence, Practice and Procedure,
and a number of Notices calling
for tenders, is on sale to-day at
Ye Olde Printers Ltd.

As Saturday, 26th February,
1946, is a General Holiday,
Hong Kong (British Military
Administration) Gazette No. 7
will be published on Friday, 1st
February, 1946.

GEORGE E. STRICKLAND, D.
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REMINDER

A meeting of members of the
Hong Kong Club will be held
today at 6.30 p.m. at the Glou-
cester building, first floor.

D. H. BLAKE
Member of Hong Kong
Club Committee.

COUNTY CRICKET
PROSPECTS GOOD

LONDON, JAN. 28.

FOUR MONTHS REMAIN BEFORE THE FIRST POST-
WAR CRICKET SEASON IS DUE TO START, BUT
ALREADY MANY COUNTIES HAVE ANNOUNCED
THE NAMES OF PLAYERS WHO WILL FIGURE
IN THEIR TEAMS.

SIX SEASONS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE LAST
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH WAS PLAYED
THAT REPRESENTS A THIRD OF THE PLAY-
ING LIFE OF THE AVERAGE FIRST-CLASS CRIC-
KETER. YET, IT IS SURPRISING HOW COM-
PARATIVELY FEW CHANGES IN THE COMPO-
SITION OF THE SIDES THERE ARE LIKELY TO BE
THIS YEAR.

There will be more changes
in proportion among county
captains than among profes-
sionals. When it was first de-
cided to resume the county pro-
gramme this summer, it looked
as though there would be dif-
ficulty in providing sufficiently
good cricket to take advantage
of the obvious public desire to
watch the game. It was feared
that most sides would be forced
to include two or three "has
beens" and an equal number of
inexperienced youths. That
does not look like happening
now.

Indeed, the names of the re-
tained professionals who will be
available make such good read-
ing that spectators can hope for
county cricket close to the enter-
tainment standard of 1939.
In the first normal season it
looks as though most sides will
be composed of a strong nucleus
of the pre-war team, aided by
those youngsters who were then
occasional county players, or
regular second elevens. It is
mainly from among the ranks
of the latter that it is hoped one
or two players will emerge for
inclusion in the Test team to
tour Australia in 1946-47.

The best news to most cricket
followers was the re-appearance
of the world's greatest figure,
Don Bradman. It had been
generally assumed that his won-
derful career was over as the
result of indifferent health
brought about by fibrositis
(rheumatism) of back muscles.
But like many another he has
come back—and unlike many
another—with success.

STILL ON TOP
To find him top the Australian
averages with an average of 116
after the first three first class
games show what the English
team can look forward to in
the Test series next season.

Bradman, now 37, is still five
years younger than Walter Ham-
mond, who is likely to skipper
England. Hammond, like Brad-
man, has also been suffering
from fibrositis, but it is gener-
ally believed that these two fa-
mous men will be found tossing
against each other when the
cagerly-awaited Tests between
the two countries are resumed.

How good Bradman still is
may be gauged from the state-
ment by the Australian Services
opening bat, R.A. Whittington,
who recently toured India.
Writing in the "Sydney Sun"
he said: "Bradman in making
his century for South Australia
against the Services team batted
better than anyone I have seen
since I last saw Bradman. That
word 'anyone' includes Ham-
mond, Hutton, Compton and
Amarnath. Bradman is still in a
class of his own. It would take
specialists to convince me he is
not fit enough to score hundreds
in Test games."—Reuter.

ARMY CHAMPS

Tokyo, Jan. 28.
The Army Olympic champions
at football and volleyball were
feted and given awards at a din-
ner for 110 athletes and guests
last evening.

First Sergeant Mike Rodak,
Captain of the 11th Airborne foot-
ballers received the trophy from
Lieut. General Charles P. Hall
after the airborne had defeated the
Honolulu all-stars 18-0.
First Lieut. Thomas Kaulukui
received the volleyball trophy
after the Hawaiian team defeated the
Philippines in three straight
games 15-4, 10-14, 15-8. Individ-
ual members of the teams received
wrist watches.

The guests included Jack
Sutherland, coach of the Pitts-
burgh Steelers professionals, and
Ted Wileman, Princeton coach.
Associated Press.

Manila, Jan. 28.
The Manila Dodgers won the
Far East armed forces baseball
"world series" Sunday by defeat-
ing the Marianne entry 19 to 7
while the Hawaiian army team
lost to the all-Pacific team and
lost with 84 points. The Philip-
pines army team was second with
82, and the team drawn from
Japan occupation forces was third
with 82.—Associated Press.

Hunt For The
War's
"Missing"

Buffalo, New York, Jan. 28.

Chairman James Mead, New
York Democrat of the Senate
War Investigating Committee
yesterday said that searching
teams of the War Department
and military forces of all allied
governments were joining in a
hunt for missing United States
personnel. Mead said the search
teams were "combing war areas
in Europe for 20,000 ground and
air-force men listed as missing."

Mead said in a statement
that the War and Navy Depart-
ments "must exhaust all possible
means to eliminate the word
"missing" from every case. He
is demanding that the search
continue "well beyond the de-
parture of our military forces
from both Europe and the Far
East."

Mead said Colonel George
Herbert, Chief of the War De-
partment's casualty branch told
him that "practically all "per-
sonnel found in Japanese prison
camps" had been returned to
their military units. Herbert
had added that captured Japa-
nese records and documents were
being "carefully analysed" for
information regarding personnel
who might have been captured
and not reported as prisoners of
war, Mead said.

P.W. Working
Conditions

Yokohama, Jan. 28.
Allied war prisoners at times
worked in a mixture of water,
mud and coal dust in pits of the
Yokohama Mining Company near Sen-
sai, a civilian employee witness
admitted to-day under cross-
examination at the War Crimes
Trial of Captain Hiroji Honda
here.

Hiroshi Terada, engineering
supervisor under questioning
of the prosecution, also declared
he could recall one instance when a
prisoner who became ill with a re-
currence of malaria being sent
back from the mine entrance.
Under cross-examination on a
previous statement that Honda
had complained about mistreat-
ment of prisoners by civilian em-
ployees, Terada said "once or
twice" Honda had protested.
The trial of Capt. Pukuhara on
charges of mistreating Allied pri-
soners starts on Jan. 29 in another
court.—Associated Press.

NOT ENOUGH WOMEN

London, Jan. 28.
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, said
yesterday, "It seems extraordi-
nary" that there are only two
women delegates at the U.N.O.
General Assembly adding that
"the matter of keeping peace in
the world was probably of pri-
mary interest to women."

Women delegates at the As-
sembly are Mrs. Roosevelt and
British Minister of Education
Miss Ellen Wilkinson.—Associ-
ated Press.

JAP. REPATS

Tokyo, Jan. 28.
Liberty ships and wartime land-
ing ships repatriating Japanese
from China will be provided with
medical personnel from Japanese
units now in China. It was an-
nounced by Allied Headquarters
to-day. The Chinese will select
the personnel.
Aboard other Japanese manned
ships the Japanese Government
will permanently as-
sign two medical officers for
trips of less than four days
and a doctor and two orderlies
on voyages of over four days.
Associated Press.

R.A.F. SOCCER RESULTS

The following are the latest results of the Royal Air Force
Football League:—

DIVISION I					
Kai Tak	7	53 R. U. (P) "A"	0		
Ho Mun Tin "A"	2	5207 "C"	0		
2706 Squad.	2	2708 Squad.	1		
5026 "A"	6	5026 "B"	1		
Kai Tak	6	Ho Mun Tin "A"	2		
2708 Squad.	2	5026 "B"	5		
H. Q. Hong Kong	3	5026 "A"	2		
Ho Mun Tin "A"	5	2706 Squad.	6		

DIVISION II					
Staging Post	9	M. & F. United	0		
2743 Squad.	0	5207 "C"	1		
Embaraka Unit	0	5026 "C"	10		
5358 Wing	2	Chindits	2		
Pacific Rangers	1	2743 Squad.	10		
Pacific Rangers	1	Provosts	3		
M. & F. United	1	5207 "C"	5		
Staging Post	3	Rockies	1		
		2743 Squad.	1		

DIVISION I							
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Kai Tak	7	7	0	0	38	8	14
2706 Squad.	8	6	1	1	29	15	13
53 R. U. (P) "A"	7	4	3	0	17	15	8
5207 "A"	8	4	4	0	20	14	8
5026 "A"	6	3	2	1	13	12	7
5026 "B"	6	3	2	1	14	19	7
Ho Mun Tin "A"	7	2	3	2	19	19	6
2708 Squad.	8	2	5	1	10	19	5
Corinthians	6	2	4	0	12	14	4
Ho Mun Tin "B"	7	2	5	0	18	24	4
Tiger Wanderers	4	1	3	0	4	17	2
H. Q. Hong Kong	6	1	5	0	6	19	2

DIVISION II							
5926 "O"	9	8	1	0	31	7	16
5358 Wing	9	6	0	3	24	8	15
Wireless Unit	8	6	1	1	20	8	13
Provosts	9	6	2	1	35	20	13
201 Staging Post	8	5	1	2	27	8	12
5207 "C"	9	6	3	0	23	19	12
Chindits	9	5	3	1	22	14	11
2743 Squad.	10	4	5	1	26	21	9
Pacific Rangers	9	2	5	2	17	24	6
53 R.U. (P) "B"	10	2	7	1	15	30	5
Rockies	7	2	5	0	13	17	4
Embarkn. Unit	8	1	6	1	13	31	3
Medics	9	1	6	1	14	38	3
M. & F. United	10	1	9	0	13	48	2

Bromwich
Wins Title

Adelaide, Jan. 28.
John Bromwich won the Aus-
tralian National tennis singles title
to-day, beating Dinny Pails by
7-3, 7-5, 3-6 and 6-2 in the final.
Experience told in favour of
Bromwich who is Australia's
number one ranking player. In a
gruelling encounter under a hell-
ing sun with the thermometer
standing at 104 degrees, Brom-
wich's stamina was the deciding
factor.

The English-born Pails was
generally more severe and hit
more clean winners and aces. He
was in a position to win after
taking the fourth set but became
careless at this vital stage.

He started attacking from the
onset of the match but the relent-
less pressure of Bromwich caused
him to drop his length.

The match lasted two and three
quarter hours.
Adrian Quist won the title last
year but was defeated by Pails in
the semi-final of this tournament.
To-day's match between rubber
and Bromwich was their first en-
counter.

Pails beat Bromwich in straight
sets to win the New South Wales
Championship but Bromwich levelled
the score in the Victorian
Championship, beating Pails in
straight sets.—Reuter.

Iron Case

London, Jan. 28.
The Persian Ambassador in
London was expected to be in pos-
session of new instructions from
Teheran when Persia's case about
the Russian "interference" in
Azerbaijan in north Persia is dis-
cussed by the United Nations
Security Council in London to-day.

The new Persian Prime Minis-
ter, Ghanavir Sultanah, wants to
improve relations with Russia
even before he forms his cabinet.
A Reuters cable from Teheran said
to-day.

Immediately after his appoint-
ment was confirmed by the Shah,
the Prime Minister hastened to
the Foreign Office to despatch
urgent instructions to London.
Reuter.

CHIANG MESSAGE

Peiping, Jan. 28.
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek
to-day telegraphed a message of
sympathy to Frank B. Rowan, As-
sociated Press photographer, for the
injuries which the latter suffered
in the truck accident while he was
on route with the Associated Press
team.—Associated Press.

Dazzling
Forward Line

London, Jan. 28.
With the recent signing of
Carter and Doherty the Derby
County Football Club now have
a forward line which should be
equal to that of any other in the
country. Not only is it an all-
International line, with the re-
turn of McCulloch from the
army, but each player had scored
a century goals before war,
which must be a record in Foot-
ball League.

Crooks had scored 106 goals
when war broke out and Carter
119, McCulloch 101, Doherty
104 and Duncan 110 to make a
total of 540. It is a small won-
der that leading book-makers,
aware of this formidable scoring
forward line, have reduced Der-
by's Football Association Cup
odds to 16 to 1. A month ago
it was easy to secure 20 to 1
about their Cup chances.—Reu-
ter.

BOOSTING SCIENCE

New York, Jan. 28.
The "Times" said yesterday in
a Washington dispatch that the
U.S. Navy is going into "part-
nership with the nation's colleges,
universities and industrial labora-
tories to encourage scientific re-
search in the interest of national
defense."

The newspaper said 30 educa-
tional institutions are negotiating
or have signed contracts for re-
search in electronics, nuclear phys-
ics, nutrition, radio, biology,
material deterioration, chemistry,
mathematics, flight, guided mis-
siles, medicine and others. It said
the programme calls for expendi-
tures of millions of dollars.—As-
sociated Press.

MARITIME STRENGTH

Washington, Jan. 28.
The United States merchant
fleet came out of the war official
tabulation with more than half
the ships and nearly two-thirds
of the gross tonnage among all
the non-axis nations.

The Maritime Commission
counted 6,223 ships of 1,600 or
more gross tons as of last
September. Their total tonnage
is 40,980,002 tons.—Associated
Press.

JERUSALEM PRECAUTIONS

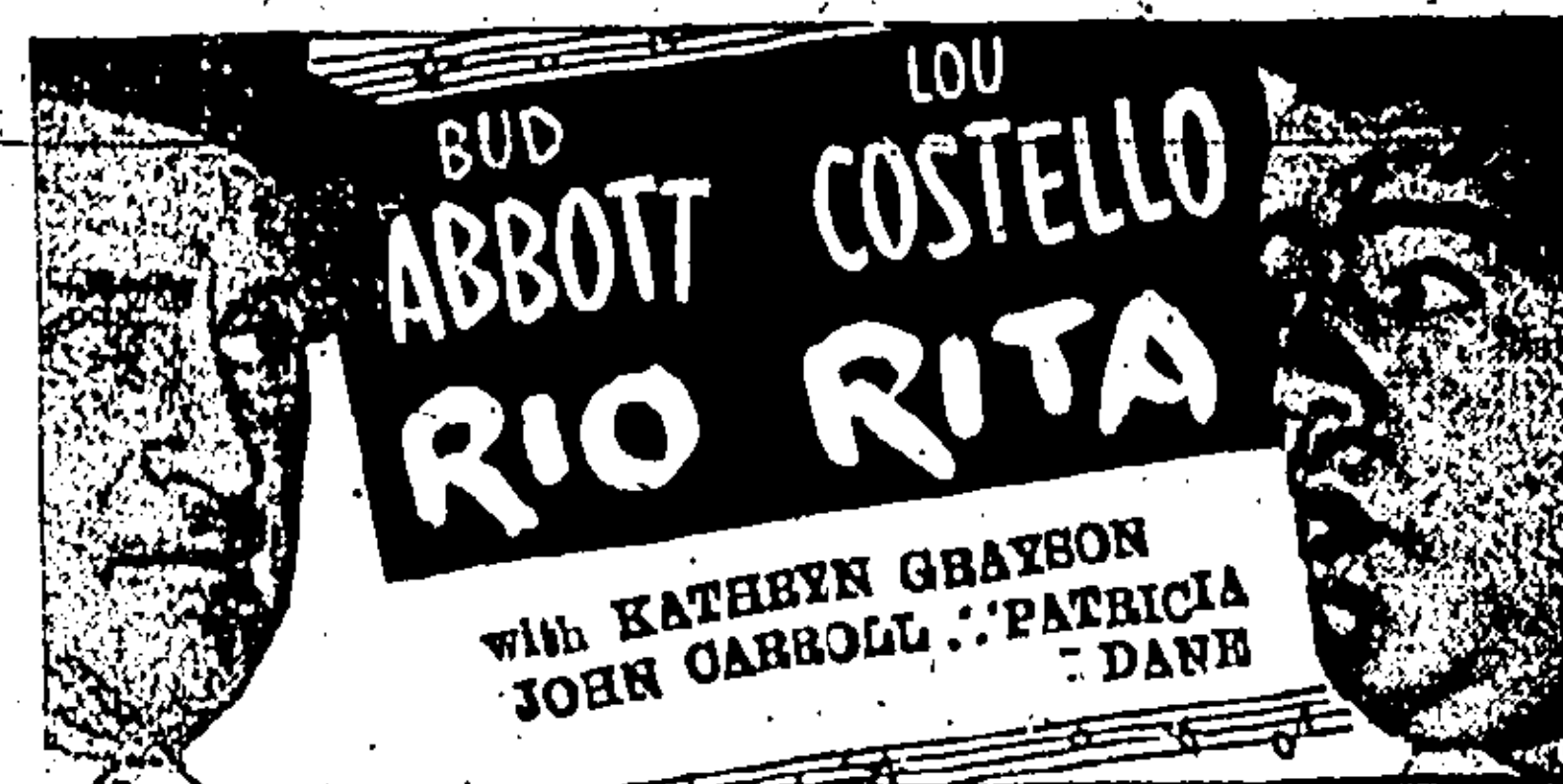
Jerusalem, Jan. 28.
Police yesterday increased se-
curity measures in the streets
around the General Post Office as
rumours persisted of threats to
blow up the building. Barbed
wire became visible placed in
streets lanes. No parades have
been allowed by the Post Office
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PRESS AND THE PEOPLE

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Britain To Negotiate With Egypt

London, Jan. 28. Britain has offered to negotiate bilaterally on Egyptian demands, including full independence and evacuation of British troops from Egyptian territory.

The Egyptian Government has agreed not to present the demands to the U.N.O., it was learned.

An authoritative source said a British note replying to the Egyptian request of Dec. 20 for revision of treaty relations was handed on Saturday. The note was described as "friendly in tone" and the publication of the exchange of the messages was said to be "under consideration."

A Cabinet crisis over the failure to present Egypt's case to the U.N.O. was climaxed in Cairo by the resignation of three Ministers.

Besides the evacuation of foreign troops, Egypt's "national demands" listed by Premier Nehru in Parliament on Jan. 7 include "full independence," sovereignty over the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and a place for Egypt at the Peace Conference. Associated Press.

Drawing New Map Of Italy

London, Jan. 28. The deputy Foreign Ministers of the victorious nations to-day set down to discuss a new map of Italy's boundaries with France, Austria and Yugoslavia in the first down-to-earth meeting in the Italian Peace Treaty. The deputies had been meeting for about a week but up to now they have been merely reviewing decisions reached by the Foreign Ministers Council last September.

It was learned authoritatively that Austria sent in details of her claims to part of south Tyrol which is inhabited by about 250,000 German speaking persons and which was awarded to Italy after the first world war. France has minor border changes to press and officials at the Conference said they thought France would win her claims to the mountainous strip in the Aost valley in north-western Italy.

No action is expected on the political issue of the Yugoslavia frontier until the Committee representing France, the United States, Great Britain and Russia visits the disputed Venezia Giulia area of north-western Italy and makes a report.

United States representatives are optimistic of an early agreement being reached relative to Italy's new frontiers but said there was no sign of agreement relative to the future of Italian colonies. Associated Press.

SIGNING UP AGAIN

Tokyo, Jan. 28. Staff Sergeant Domingo Adversario who won the Silver Star and Purple Heart while protecting General MacArthur during a bombing raid in Corregidor and is now receptionist at Allied Headquarters here is signing up for another three-year hitch in the Army.

A surprise bombing raid caught the Sergeant and General MacArthur outside of the protection of tunnels and Adversario, in holding a steel helmet over the General's head, was wounded in the arm. Adversario was taken prisoner when Corregidor surrendered and when he later was turned over to the guerrillas and rejoined General MacArthur in June, 1945. He has been in the Army for 15 years. Associated Press.

A QUICK JOB

Two robbers, one of them armed, got away with \$380 from the Hop Lee Sack Manufactory at No. 249, Reclamation Street, last night. They entered as customers, held up the inmates, and escaped with the money. The whole operation being completed in a few minutes.

Governments And News Agencies

LONDON, JAN. 28. PRIME MINISTER CLEMENT ATTLEE'S NEW PUBLIC RELATIONS ADVISOR, FRANCIS WILLIAMS, URGES "LESS SECRECY AND MORE POSITIVE INFORMATION" ABOUT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

IN A BOOK PUBLISHED TO-DAY, BRITAIN'S WAR-TIME CONTROLLER OF NEWS AND CENSORSHIP, ALSO CALLS FOR "A GENERAL INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT BY GOVERNMENTS NOT TO SUBSIDISE NEWS SERVICES OR TO USE THEM IN ANY WAY AS INSTRUMENTS OF PROPAGANDA."

Escapee Gets 18 Months

LEUNG FONG, WHO ESCAPED FROM THE SHANKUWAN POLICE STATION ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 8, WAS ARRESTED IN YAUMATEE ON SATURDAY.

Before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday, Leung was charged with housebreaking at No. 98, Main Street East, Shaukwai, and with escaping from Police custody.

According to Sub-Inspector Brooks, Wan Kin-chiu reported to the Shaukwai Police Station that his house had been broken into, through the sky light, and that clothing, blankets, etc., to the value of \$300 had been stolen. On information received, accused was arrested.

On the morning of January 8, accused was missing from his cell, from which he escaped by removing an A.R.P. block from the back wall.

Accused, who had a previous conviction for larceny, was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour.

Crank On The Navy's Beer

Baltimore, Jan. 28. There was room for beer in the lexicon of an American sailor but not for water, George Crabbe, General Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, declared yesterday before the 40th annual meeting of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League.

Crabbe asserted that the son of a Los Angeles minister had reported that on his submarine the "crew got rationed water three times a day but there was no limit to the amount of beer available, and that space was not allowed for water in the ice-cooler which was used to keep beer cold."

Crabbe reiterated opposition to compulsory military training in peacetime as long as beer was permitted on military reservations. Associated Press.

IRAN PREDICTION

Philadelphia, Jan. 28. Dr. Arthur C. Millspaugh, head of an American mission to Iran, predicted to-day in an interview that Iran either would be dismembered by Russia or become a Soviet puppet state.

He said his mission was sponsored by the State Department and was sent to help establish stability in Iran during the war and in the post-war period. He said he returned to find that the State Department had withdrawn support from his mission.

He charged that the Department had followed a pattern of appeasement toward Russia in Iranian affairs. Associated Press.

WAIT AND SEE

Hartford, Jan. 28. Senator Brian McMahon, Democrat of Connecticut, yesterday proposed that construction of new surface vessels be postponed until after the scheduled atomic bomb tests to be made in the Marshall Islands.

The Chairman of the Senate's special atomic committee said in a radio address that the results of this test would contribute in determining U.S. relations with other nations.

To caution world fears he urged Congress to speedily transfer to civilian direction military control over atomic energy. Associated Press.

Williams' book "Press, Parliament and the People" says the British Government has been "sadly misguided" by reports from its ambassadors in Europe and predicts Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin will "drastically" reorganise his department.

Williams says, "I believe it is of great importance to the working of democracy, nationally and internationally, that there should be less secrecy and more positive information in the future."

He added that there were times during the war when the British Government "considered they had a right to influence" Reuters' Agency "and to dictate to it the policy it should adopt in handling news of diplomatic importance." He said Reuters strongly resisted this viewpoint and "retained throughout its editorial independence."

ATTLEE'S MODESTY

Williams continued "I am glad that Reuters along with the American news agencies has firmly announced its opposition to any postwar subsidising of international news services. Reuters is one of the most important of all the instruments for presenting Britain and the British point of view on international events to the world, the more so because of its independence."

Attlee is described as "one of the most difficult men in the world to publicise" because he "is not willing to employ any of the techniques by which politicians normally secure publicity." Associated Press.

Democratic League Returns

Chungking, Jan. 28. The Democratic League has sent its delegates back to China's unity conference after a 24-hour withdrawal in protest against the search of some of its members' homes by the Chungking police.

A League spokesman said the Government has sent a satisfactory reply to its protest. He added that the League will take part in the meetings dealing with two main unsolved problems, namely—government reorganisation and the National Assembly.

The spokesman explained that the Government's delegation replied to the League on orders from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek who promised that the Supreme National Defense Council would reconsider the wartime law restricting people's liberties. The reply also said the Government would investigate charges that League members' homes have been searched by the police.

Chiang is conferring with General Marshall and the United States Ambassador to Russia, Mr. Averell Harriman. Associated Press.

Indo-China Facing Famine

Chungking, Jan. 28. Northern Indo-China is facing an acute food shortage, reports reaching here from Hanoi, capital of the Province of Tongking, stated to-day.

It is estimated that Tongking will be short of 150,000 tons of food this spring, it was stated. After two years of famine, the population of this area has already been reduced from 8,000,000 to 6,000,000, the reports added.

Ploughing is still impossible owing to flooding of a large number of farms. Reuters.

Precedent For S'pore Inquiry

SYDNEY, JAN. 28. URGING AN INQUIRY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE AUSTRALIAN CAMPAIGN IN MALAYA AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT DISCLOSURE OF WINSTON CHURCHILL'S SECRET SPEECH IN THE BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS ON APRIL 23, 1942, THE INFLUENTIAL SYDNEY "MORNING HERALD" IN AN EDITORIAL STATES:

"Only a full-scale inquiry, fearlessly conducted on all aspects of the Malayan tragedy will provide the material necessary for future guidance."

The Dardanelles Commission furnished the precedent from the first world war. Arising from the second, the fact that the Americans are laying open all disagreeable facts connected with the debacle at Pearl Harbour. Our national pride must similarly be subordinated to national interest in the exposure of the blunders of Malaya. Associated Press.

SITUATION IMPROVES

Batavia, Jan. 28. In view of the generally improved conditions in Batavia the nightly curfew will begin at 11.00 p.m. instead of 10.00 p.m. as from to-night, an official announcement quoted by the Netherlands News Agency said to-day. Reuters.

Canton Hopes Of Fixed Exchange Level

Bankers here express the opinion that a long stride toward rehabilitation and prosperity for China will be taken when foreign exchange is fixed, with its resultant effect toward stabilising prices.

There is a prospect that the exchange may be fixed and issue of the new dollar, known as the "sun", may be announced in the near future, especially if a programme of unity comes from the Chungking conferences.

One financial expert expressed the belief that announcement of a new exchange rate should lower commodity prices, or at least stabilise them. He said the psychological effect of fixing a definite value in relation to the American dollar or pound sterling should be great.

One economic authority estimated that commodity prices in general jumped 600 times during the eight years of war on the basis of the value of gold and the amount of banknotes in circulation. He challenges the rice price as a standard test in view of the difference in prices in various parts of the country.

Many financial observers believe that the economic situation will improve greatly if China settles her internal difficulties and the United States is ready to grant a loan to China.

Exporters are looking forward to shipping tung oil, bristles, tea, wolfram and silk to the United States, Russia and Britain as soon as the foreign exchange is determined. Associated Press.

Hickwa Case

Washington, Jan. 28. The U.S. War Department said yesterday that Pvt. Joseph E. Hickwa, who was sentenced to death by a Court martial in Tokyo on charges of slaying two Japanese civilians, will remain in Japan until his conviction is reviewed.

Senator Albert Hawker, Republican of New Jersey, said yesterday he had been informed Hickwa was en route to the United States. Such information, however, was contradicted by the War Department which pointed out the Army's announcement on Jan. 20 that Hickwa's case was under review by a commanding general in Japan and if the sentence was sustained "according to the case only" it would come to Washington for final review and action.

Yesterday's announcement said that Pvt. Hickwa will be allowed to leave Japan while his case is under review. The War Department said that the Army's announcement was "a mistake" and that Hickwa would remain in Japan until his conviction is reviewed. Associated Press.

At Last.

Yenan, Jan. 28. China has enjoyed its first day of complete tranquillity in 18 years. General Chu Teh, Chinese Communist Commander-in-Chief, reported to correspondents that all fronts were quiet with no fighting either by Communist or Nationalist troops.

Later reports were incomplete but indicated that General Chu Teh was worried in his announcement that at last China had laid down its arms. Associated Press.

Kowloon Customs Order

CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE PASSAGE OF GOODS THROUGH THE CHINESE CUSTOMS FRONTIER STATION IN THE KOWLOON AREA ARE OUTLINED IN A NOTIFICATION ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CHINESE CUSTOMS (KOWLOON AND DISTRICT), MR. K. ASHDOWNE, YESTERDAY.

This announces that all firms, regardless of nationality, which wish to pass goods through the Frontier Station, are required to register name, nationality, address, and the signatures of all persons authorised to sign and correct Customs documents on their behalf.

All applications for first registration should reach the Chinese Customs General Office, Marina House, before February 10, on or after which date no application for completion of Customs formalities will be accepted unless registration has been completed with.

This rule, however, does not apply to private individuals who intend accompanying their goods to destination, or those passing goods through the Customs very occasionally.

Sharir Complains Statement Distorted

London, Jan. 28. As the Security Council of the U.N.O. meets to consider the Ukrainian complaints about British action in Java, the Prime Minister of the "Indonesian Republic," Dr. Sutan Sharir, complains that his statement of Jan. 23, commenting on the Ukrainian action in bringing the situation in Indonesia before the Security Council had been distorted.

Dr. Sharir adds in his statement to-day that the "Ukrainian action was neither inspired nor expected by us. Taking all things into consideration, it is perhaps better that the request to the United Nations should have been made by a country which is not involved in Indonesian affairs."

In his statement, which he made on Jan. 21, the Premier was reported to have said that Indonesians appreciated the world interest in Java, but would prefer British forces to remain in the island until the Japanese troops had been removed. Dr. Sharir to-day asserted that what he had said was: "Any request for withdrawal of British troops from Indonesia must be coupled with the demand that the disarmament of the Japanese in this country should be handed over to them."

The Moscow newspaper "Pravda," meanwhile, had this comment to-day on the situation in Java: "The British press continues to maintain that the presence of British troops in Indonesia is due to the necessity of disarming the Japanese. However, not only has this disarmament not taken place, but, on the contrary, the Japanese troops under the British Command have been actively employed in military operations against Indonesians."

"The problem of Greece and Indonesia has grown so acute that consideration and solution of it by the U.N.O. Security Council becomes proper and a vitally important task."—Reuters.

Egypt Forms A United Front

Cairo, Jan. 28. The leaders of Egypt's three chief political parties have agreed to the appeal by King Farouk for "a united front" in view of the political crisis which culminated on Saturday in the resignation of the Koka Party Ministers.

After a five-hour conference of party leaders, an official statement was issued saying that the King considered, in view of recent developments in the political crisis and the expectation of a British reply to the Egyptian Note, that the nation as well as Cabinet Ministers should present a united front in face of the new situation. The statement added that both the Prime Minister and Finance Minister have accepted the royal "directive."

(According to an earlier statement in London, Britain's reply to the Egyptian Note concerning the revision of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, had already been handed to the Egyptian Ambassador. The reply was said to be "sympathetic").—Reuters.

DEPARTURE POSTPONED

Chungking, Jan. 28. Ambassador Averell Harriman, United States Envoy to Russia, to-day delayed his departure from Chungking after a long conference with General Marshall and a banquet at the Generalissimo's Presidential villa this evening. Harriman planned to leave for Shanghai on Tuesday but has delayed until Wednesday. Associated Press.

STOP PRESS

Teheran, Jan. 28. Premier Ahmed Qavam es Saltaneh to-day announced he had instructed the Iranian U.N.O. delegation to discuss Iran's complaint against Russia with the Soviet Vice-Commissioner Andrei Vishinsky, head of the Russian U.N.O. delegation.

The Premier said instructions have been cable to Ali Sodeqi who was Iranian Premier at the time of the Big-Three Conference at Teheran.

Sodeqi is a friend of Vishinsky and speaks Russian well. Reuters.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

1.30 p.m.—Elly Thurnham & His Music, with Vera Lynn (Vocal).

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Alfred & His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.

2.00 p.m.—Glen Down.

6.30 p.m.—Bob Crosby's Orchestra and Bob Cat.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

7.15 p.m.—"Sonata to the Stars"—ENSA.

7.30 p.m.—Dance Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Studio—Talk by Lt. A.E. Baker, R.N.

8.15 p.m.—Maynard Bands of H.M. Royal Marines.

8.30 p.m.—"Services Music Hall"—ENSA.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

9.05 p.m.—Starline.

9.10 p.m.—London Relay—Arthur Marshall in "Nurse Dugdale Takes the Air".

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Tommy Handley in "ITMA".

10.00 p.m.—Emilio Rocca & His Orchestra.

10.15 p.m.—Variety Programme.

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